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GRANTS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COOPERATIVE TRAINING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the scheme for providing annual grants to the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) at the end of the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the mechanism proposed to ensure the safety and accountability of the public money given to the corpus fund and protect the interests of the employees of NCCT?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): While approving the continuation of the Central Sector Scheme for Cooperative Training for the Ninth Plan, implemented through the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs directed that the continuation of this scheme after the Ninth Plan should be on the concept of block grant after evaluation of the scheme. Accordingly, at the instance of this Ministry, the IIM, Ahmedabad conducted a study to evaluate the training programmes. The study team recommended for adopting the concept of block grant during the Tenth Plan, and creation of a corpus fund to sustain the Cooperative Training Programmes in the country implemented by NCCT. Accordingly, the scheme was restricted for the Tenth Five Year Plan on the basis of concept of block grant and creation of a corpus fund. The grants to NCCT are approved upto Tenth Five Year Plan only. However, the continuation of this scheme during the Eleventh Plan would depend upon in-depth evaluation of the scheme.

(c): To ensure the safety and accountability of the public money given to the corpus fund, the guidelines have been framed providing, inter alia, that the fund shall be managed by a committee consisting of nominees of the Central Government, maintaining a separate bank account in the name of the fund, investment of fund as per decisions of the committee, audit of the funds by the auditors appointed by the Central Registrar and keeping in tact the principal amount of the fund.
Interests of the employees accruing from their service conditions, would be protected from the income generated out of the investment of the fund.